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Title : Mr. Speaker made references to the passing away of Shri D.C.Srikantappa, sitting member and member of 12th and 13th Lok Sabhas; Shri Kishan Lal Diler, a sitting member and member of 11th, 12th and 13th Lok Sabhas; Shri Rajendra Agnihotri, member 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Lok Sabhas; Shri Ram Sajivan, member 9th, 11th and 13th Lok Sabhas; Shri Tej Pratap Singh, member 6th Lok Sabha; Prof. P.R.Ramakrishnan, member 2nd and 3rd Lok Sabhas; Shri Shiv Sampati Ram, member 6th Lok Sabha; Shri Pratap Singh Saini, member 11th Lok Sabha and Shri Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi, member 8th to 13th Lok Sabhas. Mr. Speaker also made references to the death of innocent persons in serial blasts in various cities in the Country. Mr. Speaker further made references to the stampede that took place on 3rd August, 2008 in Himachal Pradesh and on 30 September, 2008 in Jodhpur in Rajasthan. Mr. Speaker also made references to the loss of lives due to unprecendented floods in Bihar, Orissa and Assam.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri D.C. Srikantappa, Shri Kishan Lal Diler, both sitting Members of this House, and seven of our former colleagues, Shri Rajendra Agnihotri, Shri Ram Sajivan, Shri Tej Pratap Singh, Prof. P.R. Ramakrishnan, Shri Shiv Sampati Ram, Shri Pratap Singh Saini and Shri Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi.

Shri D.C. Srikantappa was a sitting Member of the Lok Sabha representing the Chikmagalur Parliamentary Constituency of Karnataka. Earlier he was a Member of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Lok Sabhas from 1998 to 2004 representing the same constituency.

Shri Srikantappa was a member of the House Committee; Committee on Urban and Rural Development and the Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House during the Fourteenth Lok Sabha. He was a member of the Committee on Agriculture and the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Science and Technology during the Twelfth Lok Sabha. During the Thirteenth Lok Sabha, he was a member of the Committee on Petroleum and Chemicals and the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Railways.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Srikantappa had special interest in the scientific development and use of modern technology in agriculture, horticulture, cultivation of orchards and in plantation crops. He encouraged the use of vermiculture, bio-fertilizer, microbial fertilizer, soil conservation, dry land development and seepage & root irrigation system for increase in agricultural produce. He was a votary for the development of agro-based industries. Shri Srikantappa has to his credit a book titled *Krishi*.

A committed social and political worker, Shri Srikantappa participated in the freedom struggle of the country. He was a member of the Coir Board from 1998 to 1999 and from 2004 to 2008. He was a member of the Coffee Board and the India-Turkey Parliamentary Friendship Group from 2000 to 2004.

Shri D.C. Srikantappa passed away on 4th August, 2008 at Birur, Karnataka at the age of 79.

Shri Kishan Lal Diler was a sitting Member of the Lok Sabha representing the Hathras Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh. Earlier he was a Member of the Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Lok Sabhas from 1996 to 2004 representing the same constituency.

Shri Diler also served as a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha for five terms from 1967 to 1993.

Shri Diler was a member of the Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House; Rules Committee; Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs & Public Distribution and Committee on Railways. Earlier he was a member of the Committee on Urban and Rural Development during the Eleventh Lok Sabha. [H1]

He was member of the Committee on Railways; Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment during the Twelfth Lok Sabha. He was a member of the Committee on Labour and Welfare during the Thirteenth Lok Sabha.

A well-known social worker Shri Diler also served as the Vice-President of the Scheduled Castes Forum, Uttar Pradesh.

Shri Kishan Lai Diler passed away on 4 September, 2008 at Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 77.

Shri Rajendra Agnihotri was a member of the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Lok Sabhas from 1989 to 1999, representing the Jhansi Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Agnihotri was a member of the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha from 1980 to 1985.

Shri Agnihotri, was a member of the Railway Convention Committee during the Ninth Lok Sabha. During the Tenth Lok Sabha, he was a member of the Committee of Estimates. He was a member of the Committee on Government Assurances and Committee on Defence during the Eleventh Lok Sabha. During the Twelfth Lok Sabha, Shri Agnihotri was a member of the Committee on Estimates and Committee on Transport and Tourism.

An agriculturalist by profession, Shri Agnihotri was a committed social and political worker, who worked for amelioration of the lot of the deprived sections of the society.

Shri Rajendra Agnihotri passed away on 5 June, 2008 at Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 70.

Shri Ram Sajivan was a member of the Ninth Lok Sabha from 1989 to 1991; Eleventh Lok Sabha from 1996 to 1997 and the Thirteenth Lok Sabha from 1999 to 2004 representing the Banda Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Ram Sajivan was a member of the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha for four terms from 1967 to 1989.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Ram Sajivan was a member of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the Ninth Lok Sabha; the Committee on Urban and Rural Development during the Eleventh Lok Sabha and the Committee on Industry; General Purposes Committee and Joint Committee on Patents (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999 during the Thirteenth Lok Sabha. He also served as the Chairman of the Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House during the Thirteenth Lok Sabha.

An active social and political activist, Shri Ram Sajivan established many educational institutions and was associated with their Management. He was the Head, Jan Seva Inter-College, Karwi and Sankat Mochan Inter College, Bachharan. Shri Ram Sajivan was also a member of the Managing Committee of the Chitrakoot Inter-College, Karwi.

Shri Ram Sajivan was the Assistant Editor of the Hindi daily, " *Amrit Patrika"* published from Allahabad during 1955-60.

Shri Ram Sajivan passed away on 15 June, 2008 at Noida, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 79 after a brief illness.

Shri Tej Pratap Singh was a member of the Sixth Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979 representing the Hamirpur Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Shri Singh was earlier a member of the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha from 1952 to 1957.

An agriculturist by profession Shri Singh was closely associated with Cooperative movement. He had the distinction of being the Managing Director, District Cooperative Bank from 1951 to 1967; Chairman, Uttar Pradesh Cooperative Union from 1971 to 1974 and Vice-Chairman, National Cooperative Union of India from 1967 to 1973. He also occupied the position of Director and Vice-Chairman in the Board of Cooperative Federation Limited, Lucknow from 1952 to 1971.

A widely travelled person, Shri Singh attended several International Cooperative Conferences in his capacity as representative of the Indian Cooperative Movement.

Shri Tej Pratap Singh passed away on 25 July, 2008 at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 86.

Prof. P.R. Ramakrishnan was a member of the Second and Third Lok Sabhas from 1957 to 1967 representing the Pollachi and Coimbatore Parliamentary Constituencies of erstwhile Madras State.

An industrialist and educationist, Prof. Ramakrishnan was the Founder Principal, Coimbatore Institute of Technology. A brilliant scholar he had the distinction of being the first Indian to serve as Sloan Fellow at Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1952 to 1953.

A committed social and political worker Prof. Ramakrishnan served as the Honorary Railway Magistrate from 1949 to 1951. He occupied several important positions such as the Member, Central Advisory Committee for Heavy Industries; Small-scale Industries Board; Life Member, Coimbatore Red Cross Society and Member, American Institute of Radio Engineers. He was also the President of Operational Research Society of India.[m2]

A person who devoted his life for the growth of industry, he was Chairman of the Jeypore Sugar Company Limited, Chennai and Krishna Industrial Corporation, Chennai at the time of his demise.

A widely travelled person, Prof. Ramakrishnan was a Member of the Indian delegation to the Conference of Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East in 1958.

In his demise the country has lost an erudite scholar, an enterprising industrialist and an educationist par excellence.

Prof. P.R. Ramakrishnan passed away on 14 August, 2008 at the age of 91.

Shri Shiv Sampati Ram was a Member of the Sixth Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979 representing the Robertsganj Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Shri Ram was earlier a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha from 1974 to 1977.

An agriculturist by profession Shri Ram fought for the rights of farmers and worked for the welfare of the deprived sections of the society.

A committed social and political worker, Shri Ram was the President of the All India Railway Employees' Association from 1977 to 1979.

Shri Shiv Sampati Ram passed away on 18 August, 2008 at Mahuli, District Sonabhadra, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 92.

Shri Pratap Singh Saini was a Member of the Eleventh Lok Sabha from 1996 to 1997 representing Amroha Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Saini was a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha from 1991 to 1992. He served as a Member, Library Committee and Environment Committee during this period.

During the Eleventh Lok Sabha, Shri Saini was Member of the Committee on Defence from 1996 to 1997.

A well-known social and political worker, Shri Saini strove for bringing parity in the socio-economic and political status of the people and worked for the betterment of underprivileged sections of the society. He was actively involved in the establishment of educational institutions for eradication of illiteracy among the masses.

Shri Pratap Singh Saini passed away on 4 September, 2008 at Amroha, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 55.

Shri Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi was a Member of the Eighth to Thirteenth Lok Sabhas from 1984 to 2004, representing the Hyderabad Parliamentary Constituency of Andhra Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Owaisi was a Member of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1962 to 1984. Shri Owaisi also served as the Speaker, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly during the year 1984.

During his long and illustrious tenure as a Member of Parliament, spanning over a period of more than two decades, Shri Owaisi ably served as a Member of various parliamentary committees apart from being an active member of the House.

A committed social and political worker Shri Owaisi strove for the economic uplift and educational advancement of the minorities and was instrumental in the establishment of an Engineering college, a Medical College, a Degree College and several other educational institutes. He was also instrumental in the establishment of a Cooperative Bank, an Industrial Training institute and two hospitals in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Shri Owaisi evinced keen interest in espousing the cause of promotion and protection of Urdu language, literature and culture.

Shri Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi passed away on 29 September, 2008 at Hyderabad at the age of 72.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

Hon. Members, as you are aware, a spate of terrorist activities have been witnessed in different parts of the country. The cities of Bangalore, Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Delhi, Malegaon and Agartala have witnessed death of innocent persons and destruction of property besides injuries to several people due to serial bomb blasts.

The House unequivocally condemns these barbaric and cowardly acts of terrorism. I am sure, the security and paramilitary forces with the active cooperation of the citizens will unitedly defeat the designs of the perpetrators of these heinous Acts.

The House joins me, I am sure, in condoling the death of the victims of terrorism in the country as well as of the valiant security personnel, who have made supreme sacrifice for the sake of the nation. [k3]

Hon. Members, in a stampede on 3rd of August, 2008 at Naina Devi Temple at Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh, 142 people died and about 85 are reported to have been injured.

Another stampede occurred at Chamunda Devi Temple in Jodhpur on 30th September, 2008 in which 147 people died and about 55 are reported to have been injured.

In one of the worst natural calamities in recent times the unprecedented floods wreaked havoc in Bihar, Orissa and also in Assam which resulted in loss of lives, destruction of property and rendered a large number of persons homeless.

The House expresses profound sorrow on these tragic incidents which have brought pain and suffering to the families of the bereaved and injured.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

11.15 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while

11.16 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on[r4] Monday, October 20, 2008/Asvina 28, 1930 (Saka).

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[r4] Friday, March 10, 2000/Phalguna 20, 1921 (Saka).